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We need to get our fiscal house in order. This spending growth is simply unacceptable. To read Reidl's entire article, click [here](#).

### **Top Five Areas of Federal Spending per Household:**

1. Social Security/Medicare: \$8,301.
2. Defense: \$4,951.
3. Anti-Poverty Programs: \$3,550.
4. Interest on the Federal Debt: \$2,071.
5. Federal Employee Retirement Benefits: \$907.